

CHAP. 338.

ered by action of debt in the name of said company, in the county court of the county wherein the offence shall be committed, and shall also be subject to indictment in such court, and upon conviction shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both in the discretion of the court.

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SEC. 20. *And be it enacted,* That if the road first mentioned in this act shall not be commenced within five years, and completed within ten years from the time of such commencement, then this act to be null and void.

Power to Virginia
to connect with

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted,* That the assent of this State is hereby given to the construction, by the commonwealth of Virginia, or by any company which shall be incorporated by the said State of Virginia, for the purpose of constructing a rail way to connect with the road hereby authorised to be made, from any point or points on the Eastern Shore of that State, to some convenient point on the said Eastern Shore Rail Road; and the commonwealth aforesaid, or a company chartered by the said commonwealth for that purpose, shall have and be entitled to the same rights, privileges and immunities for the acquisition of the necessary land and materials, and for the taking of tolls, and for the protection, control and management of their property to be acquired under the provisions of this act, as have been granted for like purposes to the aforesaid rail road company hereby incorporated.

Acts repealed

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted,* That the act of Assembly, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and sixteen, entitled, an act to encourage internal improvements, and all acts supplementary thereto, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, abrogated and annulled.

In crossing rivers
to provide a draw

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted,* That if in the construction of either of the said rail road or roads, it shall be found necessary to cross any one or more of the water courses, in any one or more of the counties through which the same may pass, it shall be the duty of the president and directors of the said company to provide a sufficient opening or draw in the deepest part of the channel, so as to afford a convenient passage for vessels going up or down the said water course, as the